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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 20, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

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B1
It has been reported that the entire ventricular neroaxis, including the spinal cords of adult mammals, contain stem cells (Morshead and Van der Kooy, Journal of Neuroscience, 12:249-256, 1992; Reynolds and Weiss, Science, 255:1707-1710, 1992; Lois and Alvarez-Buyalla, Science, 264:1145-1148, 1994; Morshead et al., Neuron, 13:1071-1082, 1994; Weiss et al., Trends in Neuroscience, 19:387-393, 1996a, Journal of Neuroscience, 16:7599-7609, 1996 b). These stem cells may proliferate and expand in some circumstances and are affected by growth factors such as epidermal growth factor (EGF), basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF), leukemia inhibitor factor (LIF), and others; the stem cells may then differentiate into other cell